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SUMMARY: FOR THE RECORD, MISSION REPORTS HERewith EVENTS OF
12 HOUR PERIOD ENDING 1100 BRUSSELS TIME JULY 29 DURING WHICH
GREEK NATO DELEGATION REQUESTED A NAC MEETING AT FONMIN LEVEL TO
DISCUSS CYPRUS, POSTPONED SAID MEETING FROM AFTERNOON OF JULY 29
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TO AFTERNOON OF JULY 30, THEN CANCELLED ITS REQUEST ALTOGETHER.
MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE FOR USE IN THE EVENT THIS
REQUEST IS REVIVED. END SUMMARY.

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 2345 ON JULY 28, SYG LUNS RECEIVED A CALL FROM GREEK NATO PERMREP (CHORAFAS) STATING THAT THE GREEK GOVERNMENT REQUESTED A MEETING OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL TO BE CONVENED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS LEVEL. LUNS REPORTEDLY ATTEMPTED TO DISCUADE CHORAFAS FROM SPECIFYING FOREIGN MINISTERS BUT THE LATTER INSISTED HIS INSTRUCTIONS WERE CATEGORIC. LUNS ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS FOR A COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD AT 1600 LOCAL ON JULY 29 (SEE REF A).

2. SUBSEQUENT TO CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN USNATO DUTY OFFICER AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARMAN, CONTACT WAS MADE WITH GREEK NATO DELEGATION. MISSION REQUESTED OF GREEK DELEGATION DETAILS AS TO AIMS AND PRUPOSES ATHENS HAD IN MIND IN CONVENING THE COUNCIL AND WHAT RELATIONSHIP THEY SAW BETWEEN A COUNCIL MEETING ON THE SUBJECT OF CYPRUS AND THE ONGOING GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS. MISSION ALSO INFORMED GREEK DELEGATION THAT GIVEN THE SHORT NOTICE AND LONG TRANSATLANTIC DISTANCE OBVIOUSLY THERE COULD BE NO QUESTION OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S ATTENDING, BUT WASHINGTON WOULD BE INTERESTED TO KNOW IF ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING GREECE AND TURKEY WOULD HAVE FOREIGN MINISTERS IN ATTENDANCE. GREEK DCM INDICATED HE WOULD REPORT THE U.S. VIEWS TO HIS AUTHORITIES.

3. DURING THE NEXT FEW HOURS, MISSION SPOKE WITH SEVERAL OTHER ALLIED DELEGATIONS (BUT NOT UK) WHO WERE WITHOUT NEWS OF LATEST DEVELOPMENTS AND ANXIOUS TO LEARN U.S. THINKING. MISSION SUCCEEDED IN CONTACTING THE UK DELEGATION ONLY AFTER MEETING SCHEDULED PER REF A WAS CANCELLED AT THE REQUEST OF THE GREEK DELEGATION (SEE REF B) AND A COUNCIL MEETING ON CYPRUS AT PERMREPS LEVEL WAS SET FOR THE FOLLOWING DAY AT THE SAME HOUR.

4. THE UK DELEGATION INDICATED THAT FONSEC CALLAGHAN WOULD NOT HAVE ATTENDED THE JUST CANCELLED COUNCIL MEETING HAD IT TAKEN PLACE, THAT BRITISH REACTION TO THE LACK OF OBVIOUS COORDINATION BETWEEN THE SITUATION IN GENEVA AND REQUESTS FOR MEETINGS IN BRUSSELS WAS SIMILAR TO THE U.S. POSITION, AND THAT THE UK WOULD REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH MISSION AS EVENTS DEVELOPED.

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5. MISSION THEN LEARNED THAT THE GREEK DELEGATION WAS CONSIDERING WHETHER TO REQUEST THAT FOREIGN MINISTERS BE INVITED TO THE JULY 30 MEETING AS THEY HAD BEEN TO THE JULY 29 MEETING. SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS WAS REPORTEDLY VERY FIRM IN DISUADING GREEK DELEGATION FROM ASKING THAT MINISTERS BE INVITED TO ATTEND THE RESCHEDULED NAC. THE SYG HAD RECEIVED STRONG NEGATIVE REACTIONS FROM A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS TO SUMMONING MINISTERS ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE. WE UNDERSTAND HE REFUSED TO MENTION FOREIGN MINISTERS IN THE NEW INVITATION FOR A JULY 30 MEETING WITHOUT SPECIFIC COMMUNICATION FROM ATHENS INDICATING THIS WAS THEIR REQUEST. HE ALSO ADVISED THE GREEK GOVERNMENT THAT: A) WHILE ANY MEMBER OF THE ALLIANCE COULD PROPOSE A COUNCIL MEETING AT ANY LEVEL IT WISHED, THERE WAS NO REQUIREMENT THAT OTHER MEMBERS SEND MINISTERS AND THERE WAS NOTHING LUNS

COULD DO TO SEE THAT THEY DID; AND B) LUNS INTENDS TO DEPART BRUSSELS ON A SCHEDULED VACATION ON THE MORNING OF JULY 30 AND HE WOULD NOT CHANGE THOSE PLANS UNLESS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED TO DO SO BY ATHENS.

6. AT APPROXIMATELY 1100 DELEGATIONS WERE INFORMED THAT THE RESCHEDULED JULY 30 NAC WAS ALSO CANCELLED AT GREEK REQUEST.

7. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH TURKISH DELEGATION, MISSION LEARNED TURKEY OPPOSED THE GREEK CALL FOR A MINISTERIAL-LEVEL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL AND ALLEGEDLY WOULD NOT HAVE SENT GUNES OR ANY OTHER MINISTER HAD THERE BEEN ONE.

8. MISSION REPORTED THESE DEVELOPMENTS AT VARIOUS STAGES DURING THE MORNING BY TELEPHONE TO THE DEPARTMENT'S CYPRUS TASK FORCE.

9. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE ANY GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT MIGHT HAVE WHICH MIGHT BE USEFUL IN THE EVENT THERE MIGHT BE A RENEWED REQUEST FOR NAC CONSULTATIONS ON CYPRUS.PRENDERGAST

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